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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of June 21, 2000 (Paper No. 12). The document stated that the above application contains four different inventions defined by Group I (Claims 1-7 and 17-18), Group II (Claims 8, 10, 15-16, 19 and 21), Group III (Claims 11-12 and 14), and Group IV (Claims 13 and 20), and required an election of the invention to be examined. In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-7 and 17-18.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 8, 10-16 and 19-21.

**REMARKS**

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action mailed June 21, 2000 (Paper No. 12). Claims 8, 10-16 and 19-21 have been canceled as being drawn to a non-elected invention.